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Customer No. 49459

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

In the claims:

Claims 1 to 46 (previously cancelled)

Claims 47 to 50 (cancelled)

Claim 51 (new): A composition including a reaction product of one or more trivalent metal salts other than chromium salts, an acid phosphorous compound, and an aluminum hydroxy chloride compound, said composition comprising:

- a) a ferric chloride solution being from about 38 wt. % to about 42 wt. % ferric chloride;
- b) one or more acid phosphorous compounds selected from the group consisting of: a phosphorous acid solution being about 70 wt. % phosphorous acid, a phosphoric acid solution, a monobasic or dibasic sodium phosphate solution, a monobasic or dibasic potassium phosphate solution, a phosphonic acid solution, and a dimethyl phosphate solution;
- c) an aluminum chlorohydrate solution being about 50 wt. % water;
- d) optionally additional water; and
- e) optionally either epichlorohydrin-dimethylacrylate polymer or polydimethyl diallyl ammonium chloride polymer.

Claim 52 (new): The composition of Claim 51, wherein:

- a) the wt. % of the ferric chloride solution is higher than the wt. % of the aluminum chlorohydrate solution; and
- b) the wt. % of the aluminum chlorohydrate solution is higher than the wt. % of the one or more acid phosphorous compounds.

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Claim 53 (new): The composition of Claim 51, wherein:

- a) the wt. % of the ferric chloride solution is higher than the wt. % of the aluminum chlorohydrate solution;
- b) the wt. % of the aluminum chlorohydrate solution is higher than the wt. % of the one or more acid phosphorous compounds; and
- c) the wt. % of the one or more acid phosphorous compounds is higher than the wt. % of either the optional epichlorohydrin-dimethylacrylate polymer or the optional polydimethyl diallyl ammonium chloride polymer.

Claim 54 (new): The composition of Claim 51, wherein:

- a) the wt. % of the ferric chloride solution is higher than the wt. % of the aluminum chlorohydrate solution;
- b) the wt. % of the aluminum chlorohydrate solution is higher than the wt. % of either the optional epichlorohydrin-dimethylacrylate polymer or the optional polydimethyl diallyl ammonium chloride polymer; and
- c) the wt. % of either the optional epichlorohydrin-dimethylacrylate polymer or the optional polydimethyl diallyl ammonium chloride polymer is higher than the wt. % of the one or more acid phosphorous compounds.